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City of Seguin Urges TxDOT to Implement School Zone

Safety Near Elementary School a Concern

SEGUIN, Texas – In response to growing citizen concerns, the City of Seguin is urging the Texas Department of Transportation make changes in an area near F.C. Weinert Elementary School.

“The City of Seguin has received numerous requests for a school zone on Kingsbury Street at Heideke,” Seguin City Manager Joe Ramos told City Council.

At their Tuesday meeting, the Seguin City Council unanimously passed a resolution urging TxDOT to implement a school zone speed limit and flashing signal in the 800-block of East Kingsbury Street. There is already a school zone at 1111 North Bruns Street, where the school is located.

“Our concern is the safety of the children and parents who use the 800 block of East Kingsbury to travel to and from F.C. Weinert Elementary School,” Seguin Public Information Officer Scott Packard said. “The City recognizes the need to protect the safety of citizens, particularly children on their way to and from schools.”

City officials cite TxDOT's online guidelines specifying reduced speed limits can be used where schools are adjacent to or are visible from highways.

"Weinert Elementary School is approximately 170-feet south of Kingsbury Street and clearly visible from Kingsbury Street," Ramos continued.

The City Council urges TxDOT to conduct the necessary study and consider the increased safety measures as soon as possible.

About the City of Seguin

Seguin, Texas is located along Interstate 10, about 35 miles east of San Antonio. Seguin is big enough to boast a top-rated university and a state-of-the-art hospital. More than 25,000 residents enjoy a range of cultural, recreational, and employment opportunities. Seguin's robust diversified economy features a steelmaker, a manufacturer of automotive parts and plants making roadside mowing equipment and building materials. In 2009, Seguin was proud to be selected by Caterpillar as the site of a major new engine manufacturing facility.

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